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THE CHERYL ZONE!

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in "Cinderblossom" PART ONE

WOW! THOSE GOWNS ARE *BEAUTIFUL!*

THEY'RE GOING TO BE *FABULOUS* IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF "FRESH"!

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THANKS FOR YOUR *HELP* IN DESIGNING THEM, CHERYL!

NO PROBLEM!

AS LONG AS I GET TO TRY ON A FEW, TOO!

OF COURSE!

MMPH! MY, THIS IS A BIT *TIGHT!*

REMEMBER, THESE DRESSES SHOULD BE FOR ALL GIRLS OF *ALL SIZES!*

YOU'RE *RIGHT*, CHERYL!

SO, WHAT ELSE IS *NEW?*

I'M JUST GOING TO TAKE THESE HOME TO SEE IF I CAN *PERK* THEM UP!

SOUNDS GOOD, CHERYL!

LATER...

YAWN! BOY, I'M ALL DESIGNED OUT! BUT ALL THIS FASHION WORK CERTAINLY IS *FUN!*

I FEEL LIKE CINDERELLA DESIGNING GOWNS FOR THE BALL...

YAWN!!

CINDERBLOSSOM! WAKE UP! YOU'VE GOT **WORK** TO DO!

H-HUH?

THE ROYAL BASH IS SATURDAY, AND YOU HAVEN'T **FINISHED** OUR DRESSES!

SORRY, STEPMOTHER!

HOW DO YOU **LIKE** IT SO FAR?

IT'LL HAVE TO DO, I **SUPPOSE**!

LET'S CHECK WITH YOUR EVIL, MUCH **LESS** ATTRACTIVE STEPSISTERS ON THEIR DRESSES!

OH, BETTY! VERONICA!

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE DRESSES CINDER-BLOSSOM HAS MADE FOR YOU?

UGH! THEY'RE TERRIBLE!

I WANT A BOW HERE! AND *REMOVE* THIS...
I WANT A WHOLE *NEW* COLOR...
SOB!!
I'LL BE SO *BUSY* WORKING ON THESE DRESSES, I WON'T HAVE TIME TO MAKE MY *OWN*!
THAT'S THE IDEA!
ON SATURDAY...
WELL, YOUR DRESSES ARE *DONE*!
THANKS, RED! DON'T FRET, WE BOUGHT YOU AN OUTFIT FOR THE DANCE!
YOU DID? *WHERE* IS IT?
RIGHT HERE!
GAK! THAT DRESS IS *GARISH*!
WHAT DO YOU EXPECT FOR $3.99 AT *THRIFTMART*? GIGGLE!
IT MAY BE *UGLY*, BUT I'VE GOT TO WEAR SOMETHING! IT'LL HAVE TO DO!
BONK!!

BONK! BONK!

HEY, THIS DRESS IS AS STIFF AS A BOARD!

WE *STARCHED* IT FOR YOU!

WE DIDN'T WANT IT TO GET ALL *WRINKLED!* TA! TA!

STARCH

SOB!!

I SHOULDA KNOWN! WHY MUST I SUFFER SO? THAT'S WHAT I GET FOR BEING TOO *KIND!*

REMEMBER, READERS, THIS IS JUST A DREAM!

POOF!

HI, *CINDERBLOSSOM!*

OH, GREAT! NOW I'M CRACKING UP!

FAIRY GODMOTHER

NO YOU'RE NOT! I'M YOUR FAIRY GODMOTHER, HERE TO GRANT YOU A *WISH!*

YOU'RE KIDDING! I WANT TO GO TO THE BALL!

SOMEHOW, I THOUGHT YOU'D SAY THAT!

BUT MY STEPMOTHER AND STEPSISTERS TOOK THE *GOOD* CAR!

FAIRY

ALL I'VE GOT IS MY RUNDOWN HUNK OF JUNK!
NOT ANYMORE!
A JW-Z-300! COOL!
AND I'LL TURN THIS *HOUSE PLANT* INTO YOUR DRIVER!
DUH! I NEED TO BE WATERED!
HE WAS A BIT BRIGHTER AS THE HOUSE PLANT!
NOW FOR YOUR *DRESS!*
BOING!!
TOO FRILLY!
BOING!!
YAWN! BORING!
HOW ABOUT SOMETHING CLASSIC, YET CONTEMPORARY?
GETTING A BIT DEMANDING FOR A *FREEBIE,* AREN'T WE?...
FAIRY
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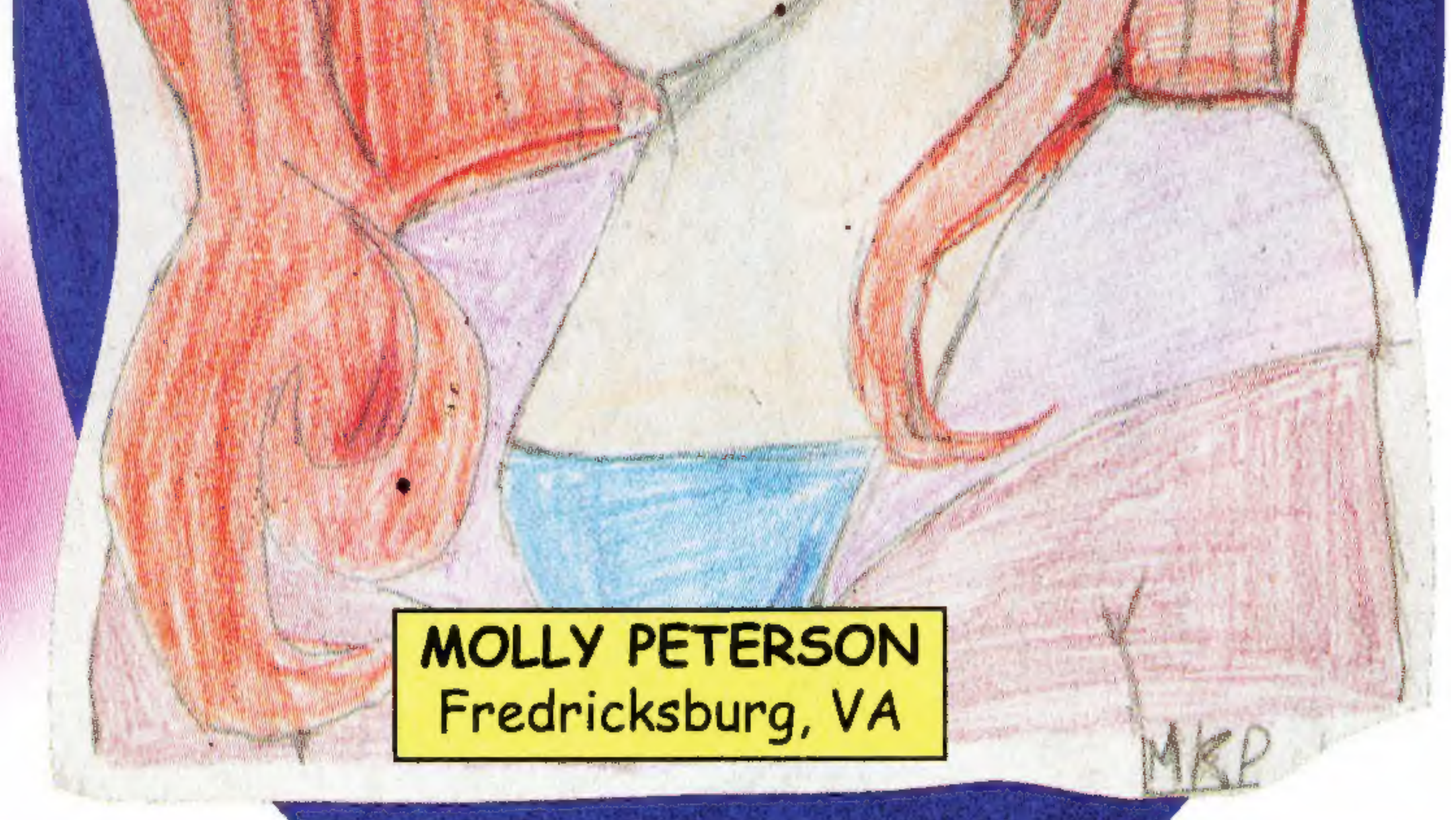

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PART TWO

THIS IS PERFECT! I'LL MAKE QUITE A *SPLASH* AT THE BALL!

AND REMEMBER! PRINCE ARCHIE'S LOOKING FOR A BRIDE!

FAIRY GODMOTHER

GOWN DESIGNED BY: LEA ARINI, BROOKLYN, N.Y.

HE IS? HMPH! IT FIGURES BETTY AND VERONICA KEPT THAT FROM ME!

WELL, FOR ONCE I'M COMING OUT *AHEAD!*

YOU GO, GIRL!

BUT REMEMBER, AT MIDNIGHT EVERYTHING CHANGES BACK!

AT THE BASH...
OH, PRINCE, JUST ONE MORE DANCE!
IT'S MY TURN!
WHAT ABOUT ME?
KING JUGHEAD, THESE GIRLS ARE CRAZY!
I TOLD YOU GIRLS ARE NOTHING BUT TROUBLE, BUT DO YOU LISTEN...
WOW! WHO IS THAT?
CINDERBLOSSOM? HOW DID SHE GET HERE? AND WHERE DID SHE GET THAT OUT-FIT?
MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE... FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!
GIGGLE
AND THE TWO DANCED THE NIGHT AWAY...
THE TWO WERE SMITTEN WITH EACH OTHER!
BETTY AND VERONICA JUST FILLED UP ON PUNCH!
8

AT 11:59!

HOW ABOUT IT? WILL YOU MARRY ME?

WELL, I...

BONG! BONG!

EEK! I'VE GOT TO GO!

WAS IT MY BREATH?

THERE GOES THE DRESS!

I DON'T EVEN KNOW YOUR NAME!

AND IT'S BACK TO MY OLD JALOPY!

IT'S JUST YOU AND ME, HOUSE PLANT!

SHE LEFT BEHIND THIS DESIGNER CLOG!

IF I HAVE TO TRY IT ON *EVERY-BODY* IN TOWN TO FIND HER, I *WILL!*

THE NEXT DAY...

YOU ARE TO STAY HERE *DESIGNING* OUR NEW SPRING WARDROBE! AND DON'T COME OUT UNTIL YOU'RE FINISHED!

THAT'LL KEEP HER BUSY SO SHE DOESN'T SPOT PRINCE ARCHIE FITTING US WITH THE *DESIGNER* CLOG!

HE'S HERE!

GET YOUR FEET READY!

KNOCK!

UGH! UGH!

LOOK! IT FITS!

YEAH, RIGHT!

GRUNT! GROAN! I'LL MAKE THIS FIT! JUST GIVE ME A *KNIFE!*

CAN I TRY?

CINDERBLOSSOM! HOW'D YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THIS?

THE PRINCE POSTED IT ON THE *INTERNET!*

WHY DID WE LEAVE THE *COMPUTER* UP THERE?

IT FITS! CINDERBLOSSOM! WILL YOU BE MY WIFE?

YOU BET! AND JUST FOR THIS OCCASION...

I'VE BEEN DESIGNING MY WEDDING DRESS!

OKAY, THEN LET'S DO IT!

NO! NO!

RRRRING

OH, NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL A GOOD DREAM!

I'D BETTER GET THESE FASHION DESIGNS BACK!

HEY! THIS GIVES ME A GOOD IDEA!

CHERYL! THIS CINDERELLA FASHION SPREAD IS INGENIOUS!

YOU COULD SAY IT'S JUST SOMETHING I DREAMED UP!

END

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CLASS, I'M PLEASED TO *ANNOUNCE* THAT PEMBROOKE WILL BE ON THE GAME SHOW "WHEEL OF DUMB LUCK"!

WE'LL BE *COMPETING* AGAINST OTHER SCHOOLS FOR *CHARITY*!

PEMBROOKE WILL BE UP AGAINST RIVERDALE HIGH!

OOH!!

WE WILL BE REPRESENTED BY OUR *TOP 5* STUDENTS!

JENNA, BOB, CRAIG, PRISCILLA AND HUMPHREY!

PRISCILLA! YOU'VE GOT TO LET ME TAKE YOUR PLACE!

W-ELL! YOU KNOW MY PRICE! *DATE* WITH JASON!

OKAY, OKAY! I'LL WORK ON IT!

NOW I CAN SQUARE OFF AGAINST THOSE RIVERDALE GOONS!

AND... WELCOME TO "WHEEL OF DUMB LUCK!" TONIGHT, IT'S PEMBROOKE HIGH...

... VERSUS RIVERDALE HIGH!

GOODY! BETTY AND VERONICA ARE ON THE TEAM!

AND THERE'S ARCHIE IN THE AUDIENCE!

YOO HOO! ARCHIE HONEY!

CHERYL! PLEASE! WE'RE ON LIVE TV!

ER... MR. SETBACK! VIANNA BEIGE IS *STUCK* IN TRAFFIC!

THEN WHO WILL *TURN* THE LETTERS?

I WILL! I WILL! I WILL!

BUT YOU'RE COMPETING...

I'LL GIVE $ 2,000 TO OUR CHARITY IF YOU LET ME BE *VIANNA!*

WELL, WE CAN'T *REFUSE* AN OFFER LIKE THAT!

YOU'RE ON, CHERYL! JUST *TURN* THE LETTERS AS THEY LIGHT UP!

SOON... I WANT TO GUESS THE PUZZLE! IT'S "NICK OF TIME"!

ER... WRONG!

N I C K

O F

T I M

BUT THE *SQUARES* LIT UP!

IT'S JUST AN ELECTRICAL MISTAKE!

TURN THE LETTERS, CHERYL!

OKAY, OKAY, DON'T GET SO *TOUCHY!*

N

O F

T I N

RIVERDALE WINS THAT ROUND!

HMPH! OH, THERE'S ARCHIE!

SO, ARCHIE, HOW DO YOU LIKE THIS GOWN? IT'S A BIT...

CHERYL! WE'RE READY TO PLAY, IF THAT'S OKAY WITH YOU!

SPIN THE WHEEL, VERONICA!

THESE HEELS ARE KILLING ME! I'LL KICK 'EM OFF!

BONK!!

UH-OH!!

BONK!

GIGGLE! I COULDN'T HAVE *PLANNED* THAT BETTER MYSELF!

LET'S MOVE ON!

I'D LIKE A "T"!

THERE ARE THREE "T's"!

HELLO! I'M HERE! I'LL TAKE OVER NOW!

OH, NO! IT'S VIANNA!

SINCE I STARTED, I GUESS I'D BETTER *FINISH!*

THAT'S OKAY! I'M THE ONE PEOPLE *TUNE* IN TO SEE!

WELL, MAYBE THEY WANT SOMEONE *YOUNGER!*

W-ELL!

REMOVE CHERYL! PUT HER BACK WITH HER PEERS!

JUST A COUPLE MORE LETTERS PLEASE...

SO... CHERYL, GIVE US ANOTHER *LETTER!*

A "C"!

I'LL GUESS THE PUZZLE NOW! IT'S *"CENTER OF ATTENTION"!*

NOW THAT'S IRONY!

C E N T E R
O F
T E N T I

END

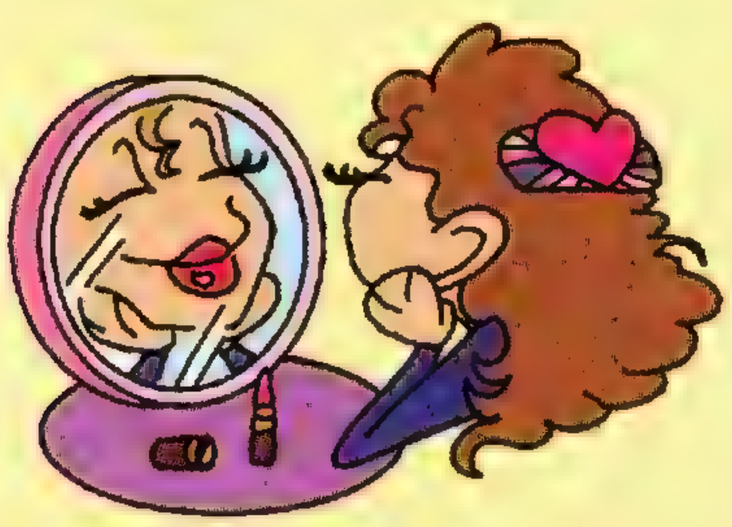
HELL-O, DEARIES! I'M SOOO HAPPY YOU NEED ME TO SOLVE YOUR PROBLEMS!
WHY DO YOU ALL STILL TRUST HER?
AFTER THE THINGS SHE'S SAID!
ZANNE

Dear Cheryl

BY SARA ALGASE

Dear Cheryl,
I dress very conservatively. I usually wear blue jeans and T-shirts. What could I wear to make me look flashier? **-- Sunshine, Blackshear, GA**

Dear Sunshine,
Blue jeans and T-shirts are okay, but you're right. Everyone wears them so you kind of blend in with the crowd. Why not put together a whole color-coordinated outfit? Pick two colors, such as warm gray and blue, or white and brown, and put together a sweater, pants or a skirt, tights or socks and shoes with the same colors. Then get a matching hair clip to finish off the look. Try fashion mags for additional ideas. ***-- Cheryl***



Dear Cheryl,
There's this boy in my class who I think is cute and nice. We've been in the same class for a long time. Whenever we're doing something together, I look into his eyes. I think he likes me. But when he's with his friends, he totally ignores me.
-- Confused, Orlando, FL

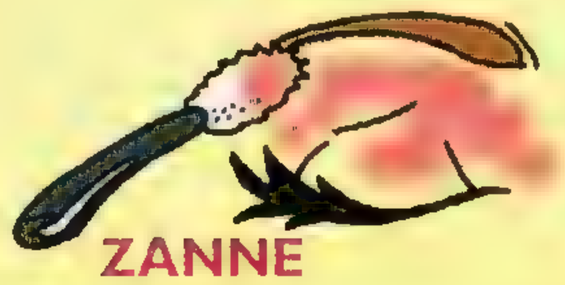
Dear Confused,
Boys can be a strange species. I guess this boy might feel embarrassed if his friends think he's making "goo-goo eyes" at some girl. He's probably afraid they'll tease him. Boys can be uncomfortable with the "love" thing, especially having his tough friends know that he's a softie deep down. Talk with him about it. If it makes you uncomfortable, stay away when his friends come around.
-- Cheryl

Dear Cheryl,
I know this girl and we've been friends for a long time. Every time we get together, we always fight. What should I do? **-- Best-friendless, Santa Rosa, CA**

Dear Best-friendless,
Friendships are never perfect, so some disagreements are to be expected in any friendship. But if you're fighting more than you're getting along, you're right, there are some changes that need to be made. Talk with your friend and find out what the underlying problems are. If you get to the heart of the matter, you can clear it up and be best buds again.
-- Cheryl

Dear Cheryl,
I'm having trouble with boys. I think three guys are cute. I don't know which one is cuter, so I don't know which one to pick. **-- Worried, Tiburon, CA**

Dear Worried,
Who says you have to pick? You're young yet so you don't have to think about narrowing down your choices. Variety is good, especially where boyfriends are concerned. Date each of them, one at a time, and then pick whom you'd like to date again. If dating isn't fun, then what's the point?
-- Cheryl



Dear Cheryl,
I like a boy in my class but I don't know how to tell him that. Even if I did tell him, he'd probably laugh at me. How do I tell him without looking like a dork? **-- Desperate, Seattle, WA**

Dear Desperate,
The first way to not look like a dork is to make sure your socks match and that your hair isn't sticking up in some strange cowlick. As long as you don't have spinach stuck between your teeth, your chances of looking like a dork are pretty slim. If you like this guy, become friends with him first so you can find out if he's even worth the energy of feeling dorky over. ***-- Cheryl***

Dear Cheryl,
I have acne. I've tried everything to clear up my face but nothing works. I believe beauty is on the inside, but I want to show it on the outside.
-- Depressed, Springfield, MA

Dear Depressed,
Sometimes no matter what we try to do to look good, something can ruin it. Pimples, bad hair days - you can't help that stuff. Do what you can and then accept yourself the way you are. Try not to concentrate so much on the stuff you don't like about your looks. Find some things you do like and accentuate the beauty you already have. The more you like yourself, the more beautiful you'll appear. ***-- Cheryl***

Dear Cheryl,
I like this boy but my friend is dating him. What should I do?
-- Heartbroken, Deer River, MN

Dear Heartbroken,
Well, I guess you gotta wait your turn. No sense in stealing this boy away from your friend. She probably will get angry at you for it, and an angry friend is not a fun thing to have. Let your friend know you like this guy so if she ever tires of him, she can give him to you, kind of like a hand-me-down. ***-- Cheryl***

Dear Cheryl,
I like this boy a lot. I wear perfume, do my hair and wear lots of cool clothes. He notices me, but neither of us have the courage to speak up. My Mom says it's okay for me to date. How do I get the nerve to talk to him?
-- Coward in Love, Brooklyn, NY

Dear Coward in Love,
It sounds like you might have to give yourself a little push to talk to this guy. No one ever said love was easy. But the rewards are definitely worth the effort. Go ahead and ask him on a date. Chances are if he likes you, he's a little bit chicken, too. ***-- Cheryl***

Dear Cheryl,
I like this boy but whenever I try to be nice to him, he's mean to me and he calls me names. **-- Nicole, Yorktown Heights, NY**

Dear Nicole,
There are a lot of mean people in the world. There are a lot of nice people, too. My advice is you'll have more fun and be happier by hanging out with the nice people. Who likes being called names? Certainly not me (unless it's "Honey Bunny" or "Sweetie-pie"). It sounds like you need to find a guy who's both attractive and a good, kind person. ***-- Cheryl***

Dear Cheryl,
There's a boy in my class named Justin. He's really cute. He asked me when our first date would be. But the problem is my parents think I'm too young to go out with him.
-- Lindsey, Buchanan, MI

Dear Lindsey,
Parents sure know how to put a crimp in a girl's social life. But you do have to listen to your parents; for one thing, they give you meals and pay the rent. Ask your parents when you will be able to date this boy and if he likes you enough, he'll be willing to wait till then. ***-- Cheryl***

Dear Cheryl,
I have this huge crush on this guy named Ricky. I don't know if he likes me or not. I also can't get him out of my mind. What happens if he doesn't like me? What will I do? **-- Always Worried, Frederick, MD**

Dear Always Worried,
Not everyone's going to always like you. It's a sad reality, but it's true. Hopefully this guy Ricky will think you're as cool as you think he is. But if he doesn't, that just accounts for his bad taste. Get to know this guy and see if he's worth all this worrying.
- Cheryl

Dear Cheryl,
I want to be more popular. How can I be the leader in my group?
-- Samantha, Denver, CO

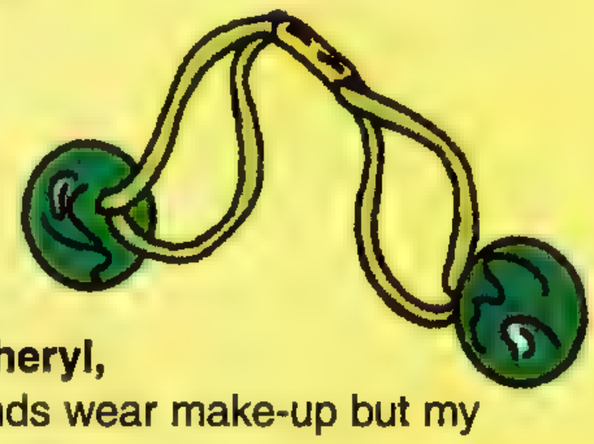
Dear Samantha,
Popularity is one of those unpredictable things. Who knows why some people are more popular than others? Sometimes the more you try to become popular, the less it works, and the less you care about it, the more popular you become. Be a good, honest friend who cares about other people. People like people who really care about them. ***-- Cheryl***

Dear Cheryl,
There's a boy in my class named Aaron. I really like him. He says he doesn't want a girlfriend until he's in fifth grade, and we're only in fourth grade now. So I'll have to wait a whole year. What should I do?
-- Sarah, Duncan, OK

Dear Sarah,
Why should you sit home waiting for a guy for a whole year? You could be dating lots of handsome, attractive boys in the meantime. If you date one new guy each month, you could have twelve boyfriends in the time it takes you to wait for this one guy to make it to fifth grade. I say tell him to buy a ticket or miss the boat. ***-- Cheryl***

Dear Cheryl,
This boy named Sean has a crush on me but I only like him as a friend.
-- Jillian, Rockhill, NY

Dear Jillian,
Friends are good to have, especially if they're boys. If you're friends with a boy, they can tell you how they feel from a boy's point of view. This can help you with future boyfriends. But if this boy has a crush on you, he probably won't want to settle for just being friends. Be honest with him and see what works best for both of you.
-- Cheryl



Dear Cheryl,
My friends wear make-up but my mom won't allow me to. How can I make her realize that this is all a part of growing up? **-- Make-up Girl, Bethesda, MD**

Dear Make-up Girl,
I'm sure your Mom realizes that make-up is a part of growing up, but maybe she's not too keen on the idea that her little girl is becoming a young woman. Don't shock her too much by demanding that you wear the darkest, reddest lipstick possible. Ask her if she'd mind if you wore a light pink lip gloss, so she'll still be able to recognize you. You've got to start somewhere, right? ***-- Cheryl***

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Cheryl Blossom™ in "The DRESSER"

I JUST LOVE THESE AUCTIONS! ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S AS *FANCY* AS THIS!

ALL THIS STUFF BELONGED TO A VERY *ARISTOCRATIC FAMILY!*

THIS HOUSE WAS ALSO RUMORED TO BE HAUNTED!

OOH, SOUNDS INTRIGUING!

THE NEXT ITEM UP FOR BID IS THIS ANTIQUE DRESSER!

IT'S AWESOME!

I MUST HAVE IT! $ 5,000!
ARE YOU CRAZY?
GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE, SOLD TO THE REDHEAD FOR $ 5,000!
I DIDN'T WANT ANYONE ELSE TO BID FOR IT!
NO CHANCE OF THAT!
LATER...
OOH! MY DRESSER IS HERE FROM THE BLAKE ESTATE!
THAT HAUNTED PLACE! I WOULDN'T *MESS* WITH THAT PLACE!
ISN'T IT BEAUTIFUL?
IF YOU SAY SAY SO!
THAT NIGHT...
SWOOSH
HUH?...
WHASSAT?
HMM! ONE OF THE DRAWERS IS OPEN!

I'LL JUST SHUT IT AND...

SWOOSH

H-HEY! IT OPENED AGAIN!

IT'S PROBABLY JUST LOOSE! I'LL FIX IT TOMORROW! AT LEAST I HOPE THAT'S WHAT IT IS!

THE NEXT NIGHT...

THE REPAIRMAN SAID *NOTHING'S* WRONG WITH THE DRAWER!

OH, WELL!

SWOOSH! SCATTER!

OHMIGOSH! MY CLOTHES ARE ALL OVER THE PLACE!

I'M SCARED!

WAIT A MINUTE!

I *FORGOT*! I HAVE A *JERK* OF A BROTHER WHO LIKES TO GET THE BEST OF ME! THIS MUST BE HIS DOING...

JASON!!

CHERYL, PIPE DOWN! JASON'S STAYING AT YOUR COUSIN'S HOUSE TONIGHT!

GULP! NOW I'M OFFICIALLY *SCARED!*

I'LL JUST SLEEP WITH MY *FLASHLIGHT!*

SCRUFF! SCRUFF!!

WHAT'S THAT?

OHMIGOSH!!

IT'S A SPIRIT OR SOME KIND OF EVIL *CREATURE* OF THE NIGHT!

WAIT A MINUTE!

THAT SPIRIT IS COVERED IN *SILK!* AS IN MY SILK *NIGHTGOWN!*

A-HA!! IT'S NOT A CREATURE OF THE NIGHT! IT'S A SQUIRREL!

HOW DID HE GET IN HERE?

HEY! THERE'S A *HOLLOW* COMPARTMENT BEHIND THE DRAWERS!

IT'S FULL OF LEAVES AND NUTS, HE'S ACTUALLY BEEN *LIVING* IN THIS THING!

CHERYL, WHAT'S ALL THE *COMMOTION*?

MY NEW DRESSER CAME WITH AN INHABITANT!

OH, HOW *CUTE*!

AND TO THINK I THOUGHT IT WAS *HAUNTED*!

EEEK!!

DAD! WHAT'S WRONG? THE DRESSER'S *NOT* HAUNTED!

I FOUND SOMETHING EVEN *SCARIER*! YOU LEFT THE PRICE ON THE DRESSER!

UH-OH...

END